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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN  
TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC 1285

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E.O. 11652 : GDS

TAGS : MASS, PFOR, BA

SUBJECT : BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE REQUEST FOR  
RANGER TRAINING

1. CHIEF OF STAFF (COFS) OF BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE (BDF) HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY FOR HELP IN OBTAINING ADVANCED RANGER TRAINING FOR FOUR BDF LIEUTENANTS. COFS NOTED THAT ALMOST ALL INDIVIDUAL TRAINING RECEIVED SO FAR BY BDF HAS BEEN IN UK OR JORDAN AND SAID SH HAMAD, HEIR APPARENT AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE (MOD) NOW WANTS OFFICERS TO RECEIVE BROADER EXPERIENCE. OFFICERS INVOLVED HAVE HAD BASIC RANGER TRAINING IN UK OR JORDAN AND ARE READY TO LEAVE AT ANY TIME.

2. IF INTEREST PROVES FIRM, WE FEEL THAT THIS TRAINING WOULD BE VERY MUCH IN KEEPING WITH OUR GULF POLICY, ESPECIALLY AS IT INVOLVES BAHRAINIS TRAINING IN US RATHER THAN US PERSONNEL DOING TRAINING HERE, AND COMPLIANCE WITH REQUEST WOULD BE IN BEST INTERESTS OF USG AND GOB. AS DEPT AWARE, DOD WAS MOST HELPFUL IN MAKING AVAILABLE ON INFORMAL BASIS A SLOT AT FORT LEAVENWORTH'S ACGS FOR DEFENSE MINISTER SH HAMAD SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND HIS VERY SATISFACTORY EXPERIENCE THERE UNDOUBTEDLY MOTIVATES  
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PRESENT BAHRAIN INTEREST IN FURHTER US TRAINING FOR

BAHRAINI OFFICERS.

3. IF WE ASSUME CORRECTLY THAT DEPT WOULD SUPPORT THIS REQUEST FROM POLICY STANDPOINT, WE NEED ADDITIONAL ADVICE ON WHETHER AND HOW IT MIGHT BE ARRANGED AS PRACTICAL MATTER. ASSUMING SPACE COULD BE FOUND FOR FOUR BAHRAINI OFFICERS IN RANGER TRAINING, IS A FORMAL ARRANGEMENT POSSIBLE IN WHICH BAHRAIN PAYS ALL TRAVEL AND MAINTENANCE COSTS AND US MAKES TRAINING COURSE AVAILABLE ON NO FEE BASIS? WE SUSPECT THIS IS WHAT BAHRAINIS HAVE IN MIND. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST, BEARING IN MIND THAT REQUEST IS STILL AT INFORMAL STAGE.  
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